

## Fraud Warning

While there are many private companies that offer legitimate services to assist individuals in applying for the Diversity Visa Lottery, the U.S. Embassy in Asmara reminds Eritrean citizens and residents to use caution when working with private entities, as reports of fraudulent e-mails, websites, and print advertisements offering visa services are on the rise. There are fraudulent websites posing as official U.S. Government sites promising to "complete" program entry forms or increase chances of winning. Please remember:

- It is **free to enter** the Diversity Visa lottery at [dvlottery.state.gov](https://dvlottery.state.gov). You only pay to the U.S. embassy or consulate in person at your appointment. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should money be sent to any address for participation in the DV Lottery.
- The drawing is random. There is no way to increase your chance of winning.
- You can find out your status only at [dvlottery.state.gov](https://dvlottery.state.gov).
- Images of U.S. emblems such as flags, eagles, monuments, or official seals do not necessarily indicate a U.S. Government website. A domain name of ".gov" ensures that a website is a legitimate U.S. Government site where the information is free and up-to-date.

To learn more see the [Department of State Fraud Warning](#) and the [Federal Trade Commission Warning](#).